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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR
THE YEAR 1944.

TO THE HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MILNROW.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my sixteenth Annual Report of the Health of the Urban District of Milnrow, and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this Report is formed.

Vital Statistics.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Births in 1944	129	65	64
Deaths in 1944.	97	53	44
Deaths of Infants under one year.	2	2	0
Still Births.	5	4	1

Rates per 1000 of Population.

	Birth Rate.	Crude Death Rate.	Phthisis Death Rate.	Cancer Death Rate.	Rate of deaths under 1 year to 1000 births.	Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and still births.
1944	16.8	12.6	0.13	2.48	15	7.75
1943	15.4	14.3	0.26	1.19	77	Nil
Mean of five years (1939-1943)	14.3	13.9	0.29	1.77	49	5.50
Five years Average (difference 1939-1943)	+2.5	-1.3	-0.16	+0.71	-34	+2.25
Previous year (difference)	+1.4	-1.7	-0.13	+1.29	-62	+7.75

Population.

The estimated population of 1944 is 7661 with an acreage of 5194 acres. The census of 1931 gave the total population as 8,623. This census showed the number of inhabited houses to be 2,574, and the number of families or separate occupiers 2,575.

The Rateable Value of the District is £49,664 and the sum represented by a Penny Rate £203.

The Population is industrial and is occupied mainly with cotton spinning, the engineering trade and the wool trade, none of which has any peculiar influence on the public health.

Birth Rate.

In 1944 the live births belonging to this District 129, males 65, females 64.

The birth rate for 1944 was	16.8
The birth rate for 1943 was	15.4
The increase in 1944 on the previous year was	1.4
The birth rate for England and Wales in 1944 was	17.6

Death Rate.

In 1944 the deaths belonging to this District were 97, males 53, females 44.

The death rate for 1944 was	12.6
The death rate for 1943 was	14.5
The decrease in 1944 on the previous year was	1.7
The death rate for England and Wales in 1944 was	11.6
In 1944 the registered births exceeded the deaths by	32
In 1943 the registered births exceeded the deaths by	8

During the year 39 people belonging to the District died outside it.

Birch Hill Hospital.	32
Rochdale Infirmary.	2
Rochdale.	3
Manchester.	1
London.	1
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The causes of death were:-

Cancer.	19
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	1
Diabetes.	1
Heart Diseases.	20
Bronchitis.	15
Pneumonia.	3
Intra-cranial vascular lesions.	11
Digestive Diseases.	1
Other Circulatory Diseases.	3
Other Respiratory Diseases.	2
Appendicitis.	1
Congenital Debility, Marasmus, Premature Births, etc.	2
Other Maternal Causes.	1
Death from Violence.	6
Other Defined Diseases.	11
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Total	97
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Infantile Mortality.

During 1944 there were two deaths of Infants under one year, the causes of death being:-

Congenital weakness.	1
Prematurity.	1
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The Infantile Mortality Rate in 1944 was	15.5
The Infantile Mortality Rate in 1945 was	77
The decrease in 1944 on the previous year was	61.5
The Maternal Mortality during 1944 was	1
The Maternal Mortality during 1943 was	Nil
The Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales was	46

Zyrotic Diseases.

<u>Diseases.</u>	<u>Cases.</u>	<u>Hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	40	35	0
Diphtheria.	5	5	0
Pneumonia.	9	0	3
Measles.	197	0	0
Whooping Cough.	5	0	0
Tuberculosis.	4	1	1

There were 260 cases with 4 deaths.

The epidemic death rate in 1944 was 0.52 per 1,000.
The epidemic death rate in 1943 was 0.53 per 1,000.
The death rate for Pulmonary T.B. in 1944 was 0.13.
The death rate for Pulmonary T.B. in 1943 was 0.39
The death rate for Cancer in 1944 was 2.48
The death rate for Cancer in 1943 was 1.19

There were 76 children immunised during the year 61 under 5 years and 15 over 5 years.

Housing Statistics for 1944.

Number of Houses erected during the Year:-

by other bodies or persons.	None.
(a) With State assistance	None.
(b) Number in course of erection under Council Scheme.	None.

I Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

1a Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.)	317
b Number of inspections made for the purpose.	392
2 Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-head (1) (above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Regulations 1925 & 1932.	19
B Number of inspections made for the purpose.	40
3 Number of dwelling houses found to be in such a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	None.
4 Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	92

II Remedy of Defects during the year without the Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its Officers.

III Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

- a. Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of Housing Act, 1936
1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. None.

IV Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

- a.(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the Year. 5
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein. 6
- (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein. $4\frac{1}{2}$
- b. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. 2
- c.(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. 3
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases. 27

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

O.R.I. LOVE, M.D., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee of the
Urban District Council of Milnrow.

Gentlemen,

I herewith present to you my Thirty-first Annual Report of the Sanitary circumstances of the District. The accumulation of repairs is a growing quantity owing to the shortage of labour, only very urgent repairs are possible such as burst pipes, leaking drains and defective roofs. When house building is in full swing this position will be aggravated.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

There were three hundred and seventeen houses inspected, two hundred and sixty-three were inspected owing to the occurrence of infectious disease; nineteen were inspected under the Housing Regulations and thirty-five were ordinary inspections. Other inspections made are shown in Table "A" and nuisances abated are shown in Table "B". There were three hundred and fifteen informal notices and one Statutory notice issued.

There were three hundred and thirty-one tins of meat, milk and marmalade, forty-eight packets of semolina and eight pots of meat extract condemned as unfit for human food and disposed of.

Two overcrowded houses were reported and two were abated during the year. One house and shop was demolished - 20 Harbour Lane.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

There were three hundred and eighty-two visits paid to the farms. There are eighty-four dairy farms. Twenty-four samples of milk were taken, twelve were from accredited suppliers. One sample proved positive. This was dealt with by the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and one roan cow was slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order of 1938. Bradley Farmhouse was re-conditioned and dairy provided. No. 10y Road Farmhouse drains were connected to the sewer. A dairy was provided at Rough Bank Farm.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

One hundred and forty-two visits were paid to bakehouses and fifty-nine visits were paid to Workshops and Factories. One bakehouse was abolished during the year.

INFECTION AND DISINFECTION.

There were two hundred and fifty-nine cases of infectious disease notified during the year. There were forty cases of Scarlet Fever and five cases of Diphtheria. The percentage of removals to the Isolation Hospital was as follows:-

Scarlet Fever	87.5%
Diphtheria	100.0%

Disinfection was carried out at forty-eight houses with formaldehyde vapour.

SCAVENGING.

The sanitary conveniences at the end of the year were as follows:-

Fresh water closets.	2394
Waste water closets.	74
Pail closets.	242
Ashbins.	2090

No changes occurred during the year except for the provision of two additional water closets.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply has been satisfactory in quantity and quality. The piped supply is provided by the Rochdale and Oldham Corporations. The water is supplied direct to the houses, there are no stand pipes in this District. Corporation water was supplied to the Bull's Head Public House, Lancbottom, and six houses Nos. 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 Lancbottom. Out of 2900 houses there are 2693 houses with Corporation water, with an estimated population of 6700.

I thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their help and consideration in the exercise of my duties as Sanitary Inspector.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

TOM WARRINGTON, A.S.San.I.

Sanitary Inspector.
Certified Meat Inspector.

1944.

TABLE "A".

Investigations for Infectious Disease (Notifiable)	263
Number of Houses inspected.	317
Re-inspections calls, etc.	298
Inspection of Bakehouses.	142
Inspections of Factories and Workshops.	59
Inspection of Coo-houses.	382
Inspection of Pig carcasses.	19
Drains inspected.	72
Miscellaneous.	85
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TABLE "B".

Overcrowded houses.	4
Houses cleansed.	8
Closets cleansed.	30
Drains defective.	35
Drains reconstructed.	29
New drains.	10
Defective flushpipe joints to W.C. basins.	51
Lacking W.C. cisterns.	29
Defective sink waste pipes.	25
Inspection chambers built.	1
Trapped gullies fixed.	8
Flooded cellars.	10
Dilapidated closet pails removed.	22
Dilapidated ashbins removed.	120
Pail closets converted to fresh water closets.	0
Additional water closets provided.	2
Block water closets.	38
Block sink drains.	32
Outbuildings repaired.	10
Broken rain water pipes.	29
Defective eaves-gutters.	46
Defective roofs.	55
Defective W.C. roofs.	39
Miscellaneous.	61
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